

Delaware State Police Arrest Elkton Man for Drug Store Robbery- Newark

Newark— The Delaware State Police have arrested 22-year-old **Charles Ndikum** of Elkton, MD, for Robbery and related charges.

The incident occurred on November 23, 2020, at approximately 12:31 p.m., when Charles entered Rite Aid located at 4607 Stanton Ogletown Road, Newark, and approached a 28-year-old victim/employee working at the sales counter. Charles pointed a black handgun at the employee and demanded all the cash. The employee complied, and Charles fled the store with an undisclosed amount of cash. The employee was not injured as a result of the incident.

Through investigative means, troopers were able to track the suspect traveling on a DART bus on Route 4 in the area of Salem Church Road. Troopers initiated a traffic stop and took Charles into custody without incident. Upon taking Charles into custody, troopers recovered a black handgun style BB gun and the stolen cash.

Charles was transported to Troop 2 where he was charged with the following crimes:

- Robbery 1st Degree (Felony)
- Possession of a Deadly Weapon During the Commission of a Felony (Felony)
- Possession or Control of a Firearm if Previously Convicted (Felony)
- Wearing a Disguise During the Commission of a Felony (Felony)

Charles was arraigned in Justice of the Peace Court #2 and committed to Howard R. Young Correctional Institution on a

\$146,000 cash bond.

If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of crime or have lost a loved one to a sudden death and are in need of assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services Unit/Delaware Victim Center is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll free hotline 1800 VICTIM-1. (1800 842-8461). You may also email the unit Director at debra.reed@state.de.us.

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